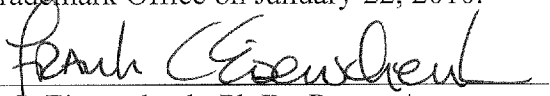


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Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response be extended one month through and including January 25, 2010, the fees for which have been paid at the time this Amendment was filed.

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2009, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: